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SUBJECT: SELA CHARTER

REF: PANAMA 6435

1. EMBASSY HAS, AFTER UNEXPECTED DELAY, OBTAINED COPY OF "CONVENIO DE PANAMA" SIGNED ON OCTOBER 17 CONSTITUTING THE SISTEMA ECONOMICO LATINOAMERICANO (SELA). TEXT DOES NOT DEVIATE APPRECIABLY FROM THAT CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT (SELA/GT/13/REV. 1) PREVIOUSLY POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, BUT WE NOTE THAT CHANGES WHICH DO APPEAR TEND TO RESTRICT SCOPE OR OPERATIONS OF ORGANIZATION.

2. FINAL TEXT INCLUDES SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CARACAS AS HEADQUARTERS FOR SECRETARIAT AND VENEZUELA AS DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT. ARTICLE 17, ON VOTING IN THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL, INCLUDES COMPROMOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (UNANIMITY REQUIRED ON IMPORTANT MATTERS, TWO THIRDS VOTE ON OTHERS), WITH ONE ADDITION. IF QUESTION IS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL UNDER GENERAL, CATCH-ALL PROVISION OF ARTICLE 15 (WHICH OUTLINES MATTERS FOR WHICH COUNCIL IS COMPETENT)

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AND ANY MEMBER CONSIDERS QUESTION OF FUNDAMENTAL IM-

PORTANCE FOR ITS NATIONAL INTEREST, THEN UNANIMITY WILL BE REQUIRED FOR A DECISION. ARTICLE 20 NOW INDICATES THAT ACTION COMMITTEES CAN BE FORMED FOR PURPOSE OF DRAWING UP JOINT NEGOTIATING POSITIONS BY MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS, RATHER THAN BY TWO OR MORE. NO MENTION IS MADE WHETHER CHARTER CAN BE SIGNED AND/OR RATIFIED WITH RESERVATIONS.

3. TEXT OF "CONVENIO" POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (ARA/ECP) AND CARACAS, AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO DISCUSSIONS ON BUDGET. LATTER OUTLINE SELA WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL (FROM WHICH BRAZIL DISASSOCIATED ITSELF) FOR BUDGET OF FROM \$1.0 TO \$1.5 MILLION FOR FIRST FOURTEEN MONTHS, WITH EQUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL MEMBERS TOTALLING 10 PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET, ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FROM COUNTRY IN WHICH SECRETARIAT IS LOCATED "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ITS ECONOMIC CAPACITY," AND REMAINDER TO BE DIVIDED AMONG MEMBERS ACCORDING TO FORMULA BASED ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN BUDGET.
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